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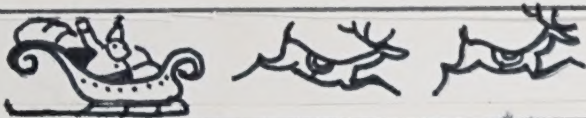
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KNAPPA SCHOOLS SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAMS

Christmas programs for both Knappa schools have been announced by Mr. Walters, music director.

The KHS Choir will present a program Dec. 12th in the High School Commons, at 7:30 P.M.

Hilda Lahti School grades Kindergarten through sixth will be featured on Dec. 19th at 7:30 P.M. in the HLS multipurpose room.



AUSTRALIAN BASKETBALLERS NEED HOMES

On Monday, January 2, 1984, Knappa High School will be hosting the Australia boy's basketball team and traveling companions.

I would like to ask your help in providing overnight accommodations for 25 players and 11 adults.

If you would like to share in this opportunity, please contact Rick Pass (school 458-6166, home 458-6014) for further information.

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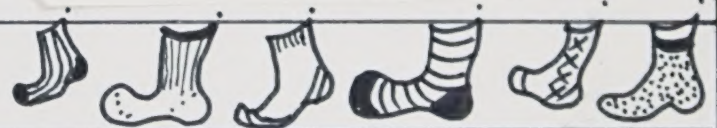
CHRISTMAS COTILLION

Christmas Cotillion for College kids will be held Dec. 22nd at the Astoria Country Club. All Knappa College Students are encouraged to attend. It will be held from 9 to 1 with a huge buffet and live band, (semi-formal). The cost of \$20 per couple should be sent to Sandra Kalander, 4975 Cedar St., Astoria, Oregon 97103 by the 10th.

KSBB CHRISTMAS PARTY PLANNED

Christmas time is here again. KSBB Family Activities Inc. Fifth Annual Christmas Party is set for Dec. 16th, Friday night from 7 to 9 at the Wickiup Grange. Come and enjoy the fun. Pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available.

Advertising,
Kathy Broliar
458-5158



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IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Dec.10, 1:00 PM

A Chrismon-making and tree
decorating party. Home-made
ice cream included.

De.18, 10:30 AM

Our Worship Service will be led by
the 6th,7th and 8th grade classes.
Our sermon that day will be a Nativity
Play presented by the Sunday School.

Dec.23, 7:30 PM

The Ginny Shepherd Annual Christmas
Concert.

Dec 24, 11:00 PM Candlelight Service.

Dec.25, 10:30 AM Holy Communion

Advent Services 7:30 Thursday evenings.

SVENSEN FRIENDS CHURCH

Dec. 18 6 p.m. Christmas Program
featuring Sunday School children

Dec. 24 Traditional 11 p.m. service
Community invited.

Dec. 25 One service - Time to be
announced.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dec. 18 7 p.m. Sunday School and
and Choir Program

Dec. 25 Church Service at 10:30 a.m.
no evening service

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THANK YOU

Thank you Mr. Fisher, Football
Coaches, friends and Sophomore
class for the many visits, magazines
and telephone calls while I was in the
hospital. I really appreciated them.

Thanks again,
Mike Allen

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EARLY LEARNING CENTER

The ELC is involved in a busy year. Thirty-four children and their families are presently being served. The children range in age from 17 mos. to 6 yrs. These children attend a toddler program, a preschool, or a pre-primary program. In addition, community adults may attend a communication skills workshop in the evenings. The six ELC staff members are being kept very busy this year. Luckily, the staff's professional backgrounds are varried enough to be able to offer the community many early childhood education related programs. We hope we are meeting community needs.

With hard work from many people, the ELC now has a computer. Of course our young children won't become computer experts..... but they will have an opportunity to use a new and exciting kind of learning tool. Specifically, there are programs called Logo, or "Turtle Walk" made just for the preschooler.

Christmas time will be celebrated with several activities this year. Since many very old area residents are now in nursing homes, the children will be visiting an extended care facility in Astoria to help spread Christmas cheer. In addition, our annual Christmas Presentation will hold the usual surprise. Please join us on Dec. 21st at 11:30 AM.

We certainly have enjoyed our many visitors this year. The Clatsop Community College students have been great visitors. If you would like to visit the ELC, or would like more information about our programs, please call...458-6775, 458-6687 or 458-6916.

Thanks again for the community support.. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

The ELC Staff



ATTENTION SKIERS!



Anyone interested in a bus from Astoria to Mt. Hood for skiing either on a 6-week program or one day basis call Royce Pass 458-6377.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT AT HLE

The student council has been formed at Hilda Lahti. They plan a very active year. Student government officers and members are expected to be excellent school citizens.

Room Represenatives are:

Anne Fisher	Hiedi Saukko
Amy Steinberg	Sheri Bryan
Nikki Saetre	Eric Reed
Sheri Ridenhour	Joe Fischer
Chris Ray	Anna Lisa Coffey

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KHS FALL SPORTS AWARDS PRESENTED

Knappa High School fall sports awards were presented at Knappa High School recently.

For the Logger football team: Robert Houk was honored as outstanding back and Tony Truax as outstanding lineman. Other major awards told were David Fluke, outstanding receiver; Mark DuVall, outstanding defense; Rick Palek, outstanding underclassman; Truax, most inspirational, and Dan Harms, most improved squad member.

Receiving grid letters were: Duvall, Mike Allen, Bob Holt, Eric Aarnio, Greg Williams, Tony Coghlan, John Moeller, Bill Holt, Houk, Dan McEnulty, Simon Andersen, Rex Wamsher, Brad Green, Jeff Harms, David Welch, Roger Christopher, Melton Lucore, Mike Smith, Dan Harms, Lee Burnard, John Moreland, Truax, Corky Stout, Don Oja, Fluke, Greg Canfield, and Palek.

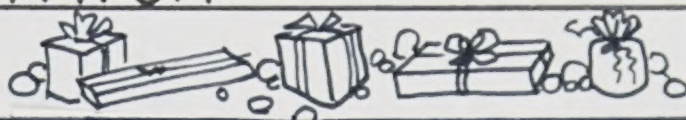
Angel Burnard was named as most valuable player on the Logger girls, volleyball team. Other top awards went to Heidi Perry Barendse, most inspirational; Becky Barendse, Most improved; Nancy Simpson = coaches award and Allison Winder floorburn award. Other letter winners were: Darcy Eastland, Tina McDonald, Sheri Harms and Carol Boettcher.

Frank Gifford was honored as most valuable member of the Logger cross country team and others lettering were: Victor Truax, Tim Roush, Kevin Kirkpatrick, Tim Kelly.

Tracy Holms was named outstanding member of the rally squad, and others earning letters were: Debbie Coleman, Sonja Backanen, Jenny Owings, Angela Palek and Kelly Kirkpatrick.

Mini Ad

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KHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

KHS girls basketball has started! They had their first practice on Nov. 15th. It was a slow practice but everybody was just getting the feel of a basketball again.

The team has a total of sixteen players. Six varsity, six junior varsity and four who play both.

The Seniors this year are: Nancy Simpson, Angel Burnard, Chris Crank, and Colleen Dugan. The only Junior is Suzy Donevan. The Sophomores seven players are: Debbie Barendse, Heidi Hynen, Sheri Harms, Mari Bergeron, Cheryl Johnson, Carrie Smith and Tina McDonald. Representing the Freshman are: Elizabeth Kent, Mary Coghlan, Becky Smith and Carole Ball.

The girls seem to have a good team and we hope they have a good season. Hope to see you at some of their games.

Carole Ball

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ADULT WOODWORKING

The end of the fall term has arrived for the Adult Education Woodworking class at Knappa High School through Clatsop Community College. Justine Bunnell has done a fine job refinishing a bar stool and is working on refinishing an Early American End Table. Judy Rund is finished stripping an antique hall table and is preparing to assemble and refinish it. Matt Hummasti took home a nicely done Contemporary Desk. Art Fick just completed a baseball bat for his Grandson; nice job Art! Dr. Russ Hunter has enjoyed making some gift-type projects as well as hand crafting an oar for his boat. Matt Hunter is working hard on a storage chest. Michael Miller has made some cute wooden toys for his children as Christmas gifts. This is a brief sample of the work being accomplished. The term can only be seen as a tremendous success.

The Winter Term will begin Tuesday, Jan. 3, 7:00 PM at KHS. Registration begins Dec. 19th (the week before Christmas vacation). College tuition is \$32.00 for 2 units, Free to Senior Citizens.

A dozen or more people have already contacted me about taking the class, so spots will be few. Registrations are excepted on a first come- first serve basis. Plan ahead now to join us.

See you then!

Glen Warriner
Instructor-Woodworking



WOODWORKING TIP OF THE MONTH.....

Last month we looked at surface preparation. Assuming that is done, the finishing process comes next. The next step could be either 1) staining or 2) natural finishing.

For the staining process, several items are needed. Several soft cotton rags (old diapers, T-shirts), the stain in the color you desire and elbow grease are about all you need.

That brings up the question- What kind of stain do I use? There are several different types of stains. Pigmented Oil, Latex, Spirit, Dye, Penetrating Oil are the basic types. All of these come in a variety of shades and colors. Unless you are extremely experienced, the Oil Stain is the easiest and gives the most satisfying results.

I recommend Fuller O'Brien "Pen Chrome" Oil Stains. To use this stain fold a small piece of cloth into a pad. Dip into the stain and rub onto the wood- be liberal. Take a clean cloth and wipe off ALL excess. Allow 2-12 hours to dry- preferably overnight.

At this point a coat of sealer needs to be applied. Sealer seals the wood and stain as well as provides a smooth surface to apply the finest top coats over. In my opinion, one of the best sealers is Lacquer Sanding Sealer. It is specifically intended for sealing. It is made up of materials which allow it to be sanded easily.

Next month we will discuss applying this sanding sealer and the top coats. Happy Woodworking.

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The Knappa High School woodshop has been very busy this past month. Many projects are being glued together which tends to reveal the preparation work accomplished. It is awesome to realize the potential and see the quality of work being done. It is gratifying for me to see the growth process not only in the project but especially in the knowledge and skill levels of each student. Special thanks to all those parents who have assumed a supportive role with their young person.

EACH student needs encouragement and support to increase the motivation level. Our students are capable of doing great things--if they are expected to, if they are taught and if they have the desire.

Merry Christmas to all your family!
See you next month.

Mr. G. Warriner
Instructor-Woodworking
KHS

SOPHOMORE SUCCESS

The Sophomore class had a blast woodcutting, and they made \$300.00.

Having done this the class now plans to put on a great patch hop.

Thank you teachers and parents for the help, we couldn't have done it without you.

Tine McDonald

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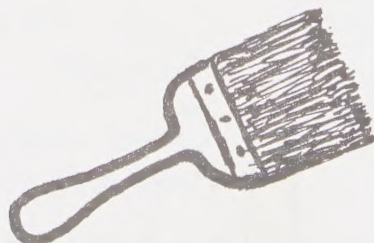
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Family misunderstandings...hurt feelings...disagreements...anger...distrust. All these feelings can arise in a family environment. By taking more time to share feelings, expectations, disappointments and joys, conflicts may decrease.

One way to "share" is to have a family discussion, either during dinner or at some point in the evening when all family members can be together. The family discussion could center on one topic with each member getting the chance to talk. Rules for discussion include:

- Everybody gets a turn to share (although each member has the right to pass if he/she wishes to).
- Everybody else listens to the speaker and may ask questions.
- No put-downs.
- Time is shared equally.
- Another member of the family may paraphrase what the speaker has said to make sure the speaker made his/her point clear.

And here is a brief list of possible topics to get your family started on sharing through discussion:

- The high point of my day...
- A thought keeps coming back to me...
- If I had three wishes...
- Things I like about school, home or work...
- Something I like about you (or something I like about myself)...
- A way that I get over being afraid...
- Something I just learned to do...
- I did something that made someone else feel good...
- How I felt when someone hurt my feelings...
- Something some member of my family does that I appreciate...

That's just a start! From these you can come up with many topics that explore good and bad feelings, helping other people, solving problems and dealing with others. Pick one for discussion tonight, and when done, decide on one for tomorrow night!

Contributed by Principal Earl Fisher



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HONOR ROLL AT HILDA LAHTI

Ten students achieved highest honors at Knappa Hilda Lahti for the first nine weeks of the 1983-84 school year. To achieve highest honors, a student must have a 4.0 GPA (Grade Point Average) - all A's in every class. ERIK HJORTEN, SARAH HUMMASTI, and ARAINEA WESTFALL in the fourth grade; KARA JEFFERY and LINDE SMITH in the fifth grade; JENNIFER JOHNSON, JEFF MILLER, and CHRISTIAN SETTLEMIER in the sixth grade; and NICKOLE DAVIS and TIM MILLER in the eighth grade are on the highest honors list.

Students who have a GPA of 3.5 to 3.99 are listed as high honor students. They are as follows:

4th Grade

Anna Lisa Coffey
Lisa Hoikka
Dawn Mickelson
Melissa Truax

6th Grade

Ricky Barendse
Stefanie Brolliar
Sherri Bryan
Daniel Fischer
Alissa Hunter
David Martin

7th Grade

Sara Allen
Jon Schoenborn
David Quint
Dje Wynne

5th Grade

Robbie Brolliar
Kristin Burke
Donny Burnard
Brenda Corder
Sara Crow
Natasha Freeman
Joe Fischer
Dena Halsan
Carol Hovden
Satu Hummasti
Eric Reed
Jess Settlemier

8th Grade

Lisa Barendse
Heidi Boettcher
Nathan Burke
Derek Conn
Matt Duvall
Anne Fisher
Bobbi Harms
Suzie Hennessee
Curtis Hoagland
Kara Lunde
Rhonda Rowles
Amy Steinberg

Those students earning a 3.0 to 3.49 GPA are Honors students and are as follows:

4th Grade

Brian Allen
Lara Amanna
Ivan Fabian
Peter Fisher
Erik Fremstad
Chris Geisler
Brian Junes
Kraig Kirkpatrick
Loren Tarabochia
Heather Tipton
Jason Tynkila
Gerritt Westerholm
Trisha Whiteside

5th Grade

Rex Allen
Bryan Finger
Barbara Jackson
Jamie Mickelson
Erik Nyberg
Jennifer Ray
Corrie Smith
Aaron Ward
Lorene Ziak

6th Grade

Clint Carlson
Cona Devereaux
Candi Emken
Tim Hynen
Duane Rowles
Jaimee Seaman

7th Grade

Richard Baldwin
Cindy Brow
Melissa Johanson
Shanin Mathre
Mark Nicholson
Linda Paronen
Betsy Rohne
Donovan Schumacher

8th Grade

Gunnar Allen
Jason Burnard
Kristian Fremstad
Jeff Geisler
Rusty Gibson
Shannon Gifford
David Hellberg
Todd Hickam
Tara Larrance
Josh Meeker
Liisa Niemi
Carin Nyberg
Kelley Patterson
Nicki Saetre
Kathy Schumacher
Nathan Swenson



JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT AIDED BY JUNIORS

I recently directed a three-act play written by high school Juniors and Seniors from Seaside. I am writing about it partly because the young actors and actresses (13-15 years) deserve a pat on the back for their accomplishment. Also I am writing because I would like to inform parents and children from 4-6 grade that they are invited to audition for the next one in February. Posters will be sent to schools to inform them of when it might be nice to know what to expect.

This play we did was the second in the NORTHWEST THEATRE. Nancy came from a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. It was achieved with a partnership between the Columbia River Maritime Museum and Astoria School District IC.

Twelve students were on the cast of 27 parts, most of the kids playing

three different parts. These twelve actors and actresses had a cast of nine 45 minute practices and one run-through before their dress rehearsal November 7 at John Jacob Astor School. There were six more performances, two a day, to go for the three days starting November 14.

We had wonderful help that worked just as hard as the kids to make this a success. Ben Gierly, a teacher at Astor of gifted kids, was our project advisor. Michael Fensholt was the money man plus he made the phone calls and arrangements for us to do our show. Nancy Lind did costumes and makeup. Belinda Krueger did set changing between the different scenes. And Lamp Souder constructed our magnificent designed, movable, set, designed by Ben Gierly.

If you or your child would like to participate in the third play, watch for a poster at the middle school and try your hand at acting.

by Cheryl Barry

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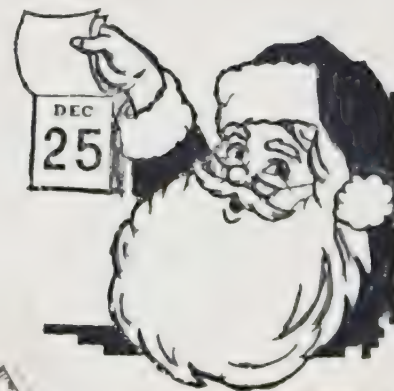
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Dale & Carol



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HILDA LAHTI HONOR CLUB

The Knappa Hilda Lahti Honor Club is made up of seventh and eighth grade students whose conduct and effort grades in all seven of their classes are either (C) commendable or (S) satisfactory during the previous nine weeks grading period. No student who has an (N) needs improvement or (U) unsatisfactory grade in conduct and effort may be a member of the Honor Club. A special day of learning and fun is enjoyed once each nine weeks. The members of the Honor Club for the first nine weeks of the 1983-84 school year are as follows:

Sara Allen	Melissa Johanson
Kris Anderson	Merry Johnson
Edie Bachman	Sally Johnson
Richard Baldwin	Kara Lunde
Lisa Barendse	Shanin Mathre
Heidi Boettcher	Tim Miller
Cindy Brow	Mark Nicholson
Nathan Burke	Liisa Niemi
Jason Burnard	Carin Nyberg
Derek Conn	Colleen Nyberg
Tracy Crawford	Linda Paronen
Nicole Davis	Travis Patterson
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Todd Hickam	Jeremy Whiteside
Curtis Hoagland	Robby Williamson
Allen Hovden	Dje Wynne



What's the Sixth Grade Doing?

Well.... we're in Geometry. Most kids agree, Math is not a favorite, but Geometry isn't as bad as it could be. We also do creative stories on Monday. Everybody likes them. Our teacher, Mrs. Fremstad, reads them on Wednesday. Recently, we have been in school less often than usual. There were holidays, teachers work days and conference days. However we adjusted and I think it's going to be fun this year. We have a great class and a great teacher.

Leigh Renninger
6th grade
Hilda Lahti Elementary

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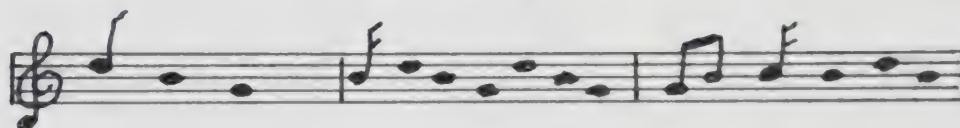


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PRIMARY NEWS--Hilda Lahti Elementary

Thanksgiving was celebrated in many ways in the different rooms. Each class studied about the first Thanksgiving and then had their own celebration. Second graders made pumpkin cake, cranberry bread and butter. One class had "stone soup" and others had popcorn parties.

Mrs. Corkill's third grade class took a trip to Japan. They studied about the people their customs and the changes occurring in Japan.

The unit concluded with a food sampling that the children helped in preparing. They sampled stir-fried vegetables, rice, shrimp-chips and fortune cookies. Their meal was served in traditional Japanese style with the children seated on the floor at low tables, wearing kimonos and using chopsticks.

The general consensus was that a McDonald's Hamburger would taste good!

The Kindergarten classes have been studying American Indians in November. We were fortunate to have the loan of the school district's Indian artifacts. With Mr. Fenton's help, we constructed our own tepee and painted a totem pole. The children had great fun choosing their Indian names, some choices were: Princess Clever Cloud, Chief Strong Bull and Indian Three Feet. Everyone worked very hard making their own clay pots and spoons which are now on display in the case outside the library.

During the past month, the primary grades have had instruction about the new 911 Emergency number. David D. Rood, a Sargeant from the Clatsop County Sheriff's office and Wanda A. Staton, a dispatcher from the Astoria Police Department, presented a half hour informational program to each class.

They explained to the children when a situation would be an emergency and neccessitate a 911 call. The children were informed that if they make a 911 call they must speak clearly and slowly and tell the person four things: what the trouble is, their name, the address of the emergency, and the number of the phone that they are calling from. Mr. Rood and Ms. Staton did on excellent job of presenting this information to the children and they are now much better informed about how to handle any emergency.

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MEDIA CENTER AT HILDA LAHTI

BUSY! BUSY! BUSY!

A partial delivery of Media Center books ordered for this school year has arrived. Students quickly checked out mysteries, biographies, and sports books. More will be coming and we hope any of you will feel welcome to visit the Media Center. We are open between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM.

The Media Center staff recently honored the students from two classrooms. Ms. Bayly's fifth and Mrs. Buchman's third grade rooms had compiled the most conduct and neatness points through the first nine weeks of school. The reward system was developed and implemented by Media Center Aide, Nancy Williams. Classes are awarded points for conduct, manners, neatness, and following of Media Center rules when they visit in their scheduled classroom times. Points are not accumulated by individual or small group Media Center use. The honored students were given a special ice cream treat after lunch. The program will continue all year, starting over each nine weeks.

Finally, we can light a cheery fire in the Media Center fireplace once again. The fire inspector mandated a glass screen and it is in place now. The only thing we need now is wood. We are hoping a few of you will donate 8-10 pieces of wood to the school. If you can deliver to the school, we will appreciate it. If you want to donate but cannot deliver, call the school to arrange a pick-up time. Thank you in advance for your contribution.

HILDA LAHTI

7 & 8 BOYS' BASKETBALL

1983-84

Dec. 12	Warrenton at Knappa	7 & 8
14	Clatskanie at KHL	"C"
15	Knappa at Clatskanie	7 & 8
21	Warrenton at Knappa	"C"
Jan. 4	Knappa at Lewis & Clark	"C"
5	Star at Knappa	7 & 8
9	Knappa at Seaside	7 & 8
10	Knappa at Lewis & Clark	7 & 8
11	Knappa at Astoria	"C"
		(2 games)

GAME TIME 4:00 P.M.

Boys
6th Grade Basketball

1983-84

Dec. 14	Knappa at Florence Tagg
Jan. 4	Clatskanie at Knappa
Jan. 11	Knappa at Qunicy-Mayger
Jan. 18	Florence Tagg at Knappa

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Nov. 8th.....

Today was one of our largest crowds, as 135 meals were served.

We enjoyed the good music of the Fiddlers. Three of their group, May Meyer, Mrs. Lindsay and Mr. Landes performed and we enjoyed their old-time songs so much.

The monthly birthday cake was won by Jim Minkoff.

Mr. Tom Gray, being 85 years young this month was congratulated and we sang Happy Birthday to him.

Ed Schuyler won a box of fruit donated by Don Kumpula. Other winners were: Arvi Hynen, Mable Thomas, Olga Forbes, Annie Smith, Della Noeth, Rena Rose, Mr. Lindsay and Velma Vlastalicia.

Nov. 15th.....

John Vlastalicia and Elmer Ishmall entertained on guitar and Banjo playing old familiar favorites.

Sarah Schawa won a box of fruit donated by D & D Market. Louise McCauley won a certificate for two dinners from the Logger. Other winners were: Lillian Keller, Rex Salfen and Betty Hummasti.

Nov. 22nd.....

The tables were historically decorated today with miniature pilgrims and turkeys in a setting of greenery. This was done by Helen Kirkpatrick who always makes our tables attractive.

Shirley Fahlstrom on the accordion played numerous songs. She and Estelle Ishmael sang together, also leading us in a sing-a-long.

Amelia Bohm won a box of fruit donated by Hunt's Market. Other winners were: Helen Kirkpatrick, Ray Johnson, George Emken, Faye Casper, Ruth Rauttio, Nellie Hicks, Dan Newton and Mary Lyon.

Nov. 29th.....

Everyone had a good time exchanging Thanksgiving get-to-gether's news. No-one complained of having had too much turkey or pie.

Today's entertainment was provided by Irene Brown on her accordion. We enjoyed her selections very much.

Jan Simmons won a box of fruit donated by St. Theresa's Altar Soc. Other Winners were: Wilma Emken, Henry Hummasti, Elton McIntyre, Arvi Hynen, Jo Kangas and Dagney Johnson.

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RUSTIC WITLINGS

Christmas is in the air! And boy oh boy do I over have the Christmas spirit. Last year in Paris, I had no (sob) turkey, tree or any of the trimmings. So this year I'm going to celebrate with a vengeance. There'll be so much greenery around you'll think you're in a forest. My tree will be laden with gingerbread, etc. I can hardly wait to get at the baking. Scottish shortbread, German butter tarts, and Canadian Nanaimo Bars for starters.

Meanwhile it has been theatre time. Four of us gals went up to Seattle to see Lauren Bacall in "Woman of the Year." She's still superb. The Clatsop College drama artistes put on a grand performance of "Our Town".

It was a joy to attend our local Haddox troupe doing "The Nutcracker Suite". My congratulations particularly to Sandra Shepard.

A happy surprise for the Annat Family. Son Doug flew home from Hawaii on Monday for a brief four days. He has been on a 7 months Wespac cruise that was filled with adventure. He joins up with his ship the "Callaghan" when it makes port (San Diego) on Dec. 12th. I haven't seen my lad for over 1-1/2 years so we had a lot of news to get caught up on.

There should be a near-riot on Thursday when Payless has drawings for 18 "Cabbage Patch" dolls. I promise not to poke anyone.

For some 'original' gifts I suggest you visit the 14th St. gallery or the Stone's Throw. Two fine exhibitions on just now from pottery and paintings to etchings on glass. Prices very reasonable. Betty Cier in Emerald Heights makes beautiful herb wreaths. She also bottles wonderful vinegars such as Tarragon Dill. She also has packages of herb and beer breads. Her own patented mixtures. I swap baking for home-made candy (I'm the premier dud in that dept.) and deer sausage.

The fresh snow in the hills has brought about a resurrection of summer inner-tubes. Bonfires and toasted marshmallows fun too.

Guess we should all be thinking about snow-tires and anti-freeze. Looks like we're going to run the gamut weatherwise this winter.

Not too much else exciting at the moment. Except, do check the local markets for bulletins on Christmas skate parties, children's parties and other do's. Something for everyone this month. I'm looking forward to Christmas Bunco myself.

So dear friends, go easy with the charge cards but enjoy the goings-on and have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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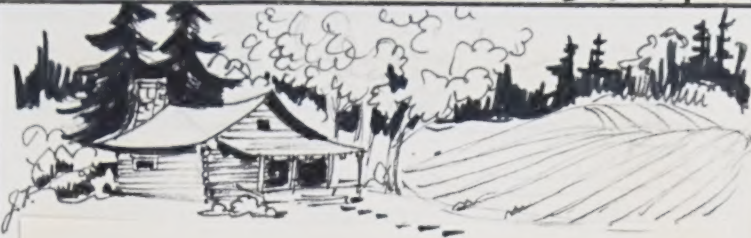
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HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

All the signs of spring filled the 'holler' where the cabin stood. The broad fields slanted upward steeply to the wooded tops and wild flowers cascaded gaily on the hills bosoms. Sugar maples paraded in their dress of liquid gold to outshine all trees of the forest. Wildlife kept a frantic race, trying vainly to satisfy young appetites. A lost cause. No doubt the baby robins went to sleep with their beaks open.

There were other appetites to satisfy. Small feet that climb the hills all day in search of flowers burn up calories by the ton. Like their little feathered friends, they were always ready for a refill. Calories spell food and food translated means money. Somewhere in the chain of continuity there was a breakdown. The supply of dollars wasn't enough to keep the operation running smoothly. And the last thing wanted was a child going to bed with his beak open.

The young man in the cabin thought much about this predicament. There was work but it was three thousand miles away which would mean a long and painful separation. The struggle to do what was expedient and the reluctance to accept the inevitable battled it out to a photo finish. Necessity won by a nose and preparations made for leaving. This kind of parting can be extremely painful as the young fellow soon learned after boarding the 'Big Hound'. For four days and nights its powerful diesel 'growled' into the west and each growl taking him farther from his cabin home.

Fortunately hard work is the best known therapy for man. It will cure most anything if one can 'hang in there'. Including homesickness. Luckily, logging provides some of the best therapy. It will take up one's

time, stretch muscles to the breaking point and cause sweat to fall like a sou'wester. When the end of the day finally arrives one knows who won that round. You didn't. Logging can do a job on you. After a logger-concocted supper it's time to crawl into the 'sheepwagon' bunk and sleep as sound as one of the cold deck logs nearby. There has to be some adjustments made when two men batch in a thing that was probably designed for a couple of mice.

Chores have to be shared in a somewhat equal manner in this miniature Hilton. In this eight by ten cabin on wheels there isn't room for both to change their minds at the same time; someone has to go outside! I believe it's called togetherness. A little much!

Life isn't all unpleasant in the shadow of Wickiup. At twilight the deer come to pay a visit to the logging show, their big eyes and ears all curiosity. And the chipmonks. Those lovable little beggars. They soon learn that loggers are a soft touch; an original walking food-stamp dispenser. They quickly learn to associate certain sounds with chow time and are ready for a free handout. When they hear the banging around of pots and pans (is their anything more clumsy than a logger in a kitchen?) they know that their strange-looking two legged friends are getting ready to eat. From all directions they move in for the feast. A score of those rascals can make several slices of bread vanish like magic. If the food isn't 'served' within seconds they sit back on their furry bottoms with eyes on the open door and their best winsome expression, saying: "Where's supper?"

The days become a routine of eating, (like pigs) working (like dogs) and sleeping like the proverbial log. Summer is beautiful on the mountain as days become weeks and weeks turn into months. Life is sustained by hope and the daily letters from the Alleghenies. Autumn arrives to both mountains and winter is surely near. Somewhere on the plains letters pass on speeding steamliners. Do they wave a Godspeed to each other?

The Desert

In a land devoid of moisture
under the backdrop of a brassy sky
Sunbaked in countless sunsets
by ages long gone by
Where Dustdevils on the distant landscape
are seen and fastly gone
In the heatwaves that blur your vision
as you slowly struggle on.

Out here, no Man is master
and if you listen to the wind
It tells of those before you
and their dreams that could have been
The ones who tried to conquer
and the ones who tried to win
But fought the losing battle,
and perished in the end.

Of their bones, picked clean by Buzzards
that found them where they lay
And the only thing to show for
as the Prospector lost his way
How the Gentle little Burro
wandered onward without hope
And died so far from water,
tangled in his Halter Rope.

The rusty tin on the Rooftop
of an abandoned Cattledest
The remains of ancient Cottonwoods
where once their shadows spread
The Packrat scurries to and fro,
for something he can steal
The Sun casts a long, long shadow
behind a broken Wagon wheel.

All is blurred by distance
where the Desert meets the sky
And even the Ghostly silence,
not broken by the Coyote's cry
Where the shifting sands that whisper,
and sing their tinkling song
With Magic, weave their spell about you
as the Wind moves them along.

With rippled patterns making,
beneath a dried out Greasewood tree
Dry Grass, stripped and standing naked,
like a ship on a stormy sea
Blasted clean on this Devil's playground,
only their single stalks remain
Like patient Sentinels, waiting,
for the cooling, winter's rain.

So take heed, bold and foolish Traveler,
before your Epitaph be told
Out here, a drop of Water, is more
precious than all your Gold
These fires of Hell, will show no mercy
before this day is past
Your trip out into the Desert,
could easily be your last.

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Heidi, daughter of Dave and Fritz Perry of Svensen, and Michael (Spike) Barendse, son of Mitchel and Donna Barendse of Brownsmead were married Nov. 12th at the Friends Church in Svensen with Pastor Phil Morrill officiating.

More college students that I missed are Bruce Baldwin, the son of Ross and Linda Baldwin is a sophomore this year at George Fox College in Newberg.

Janie Knox is in her final year at the Bassiet School of Fashion in Portland.

Emily Maria Johnson, daughter of Bud and Eilene Johnson of Knappa, is engaged to marry Brian James Smith, son of the James Smith of Astoria Feb. 4th. Emily graduated in 1983 from Knappa and Brian graduated from Warrenton in 1982. He is employed by B.T.O. logging.

Sandra Shepherd was featured in the Astoria Little Ballet Theatre presentation of "The Nutcracker", December 3rd. She danced the role of the "Sugar Plum Fairy."

I've gotten most of our Christmas presents bought and wrapped and a little baking done, sure hope the rest of you are on your way. Hazel Allen says she's pretty much done.

Marge Brockey says she hasn't quite finished.

Winnie Ledford says she hasn't finished last years yet. Boy, some people are sure a little behind.

Judy Tomlin says she hasn't started yet.

Bev Zurcher says "What Christmas Shopping?"

Denise Farner and Harvey Smith had left when I began asking, but knowing them both, we're sure they're done.

Anyone interested in babysitting 2 or 3 days a week from 9-12, ages 2-12 years contact Sue Stunkard.

Welcome home to Scott Schoenborn from Japan. Sure someone will be calling him for an article.

KNAPPA "C" HOOP SCHEDULE

A 14 game schedule was announced this week for Knappa High Schools' "C" basketball team composed primarily of freshmen.

The Loggers open their slate on Dec. 1. All games will get underway at 6:00 P.M.

Following is the Logger "C" team schedule.

Dec. 12	Seaside
14	At Neahkahnie
19	Clatskanie
20	At Seaside
Jan. 5	At Warrenton
9	Cathlamet
11	At Ilwaco
12	Neahkahnie
18	Ilwaco
23	Warrenton
30	At Cathlamet

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Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs	Fri.	Sat.
Dec. 11	Knappa 12 H.S. Winter Concert 7:30 Commons *Anna Nicholas	13 *Steve Smiley	14 *Lucy Gerttula	H.L.E.S. 15 Citizens Advisory Committee 7:30	16	17 *Paul Sarkie
18 *Marge Brockey	H.L.E.S. 19 Winter Music Program K-6 7:30	20 *Martha Heilmann *Chris Geisler	21	Schools 22 Close for winter vacation	23 *Nena Fish	24 *Heidi Saukko *Lynn Zurcher
Merry 25 Christmas *Kathy Sarkie *Carol Barendse	*Marilyn Bahl †John a 26 Velma Klastelicia *Happy 80th Walt Palmrose	27	28	29	30	31
Jan. 1 Happy New Year *Gina Conn	2	School 3 Starts Again!	4	5	6	7
8 *Kitty Sarkie	9	10	11 *Lindsey Sheldon	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Big "16" *Tim Kelly	H.L.E.S. 19 Citizens Advisory Committee 7:30	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	Teachers 27 Work Day NO SCHOOL	28
29	30	31	Feb 1	2 Ground Hog Day	3 Copy Due for Alder Patch	4
5	Alder 6 Patch Work Night 6:30	7	8	9	Alder 10 Patch Day	11